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1. EVIDENCE IS ACCUMULATING THAT SOVIETS ARE GEARING UP A
DRIVE TO CONVENE ANOTHER WORLD CONFERENCE OF
COMMUNIST PARTIES IN ADDITION TO SUCH INDIRECT INDICATIONS
AS PREOCCUPATION WITH PREVIOUS SUCH CONFERENCES IN
ALEKSANDROV ARTICLE (REFTEL, WE HAVE JUDGMENT OF CHINESE
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AMBASSADOR HERE WHO TOLD CANADIAN AMBASSADOR FORD THAT CHINESE

BELIEVE SUCH A CONFERENCE WILL IN FACT TAKE PLACE.

2. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT ELABORATION OF PROPOSITION THAT CHINA CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED SOCIALIST WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM SOVIET IDEOLOGISTS BEFORE TOO LONG, PERHAPS IN TREATMENT OF ANTICIPATED CCP CONGRESS. IN COURSE OF ELABORATING TO EMBOFFS EARLIER THIS WEEK THE "PERSONAL" VIEW THAT CHINA IS NOT SOCIALIST (REFTTEL), ONE SOVIET SPECIALIST LAUNCHED INTO ESOTERIC DISCUSSION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUPERSTRUCTURE AND BASE. TWO DAYS LATER AN AMERICANOLOGIST, ASKED CASUALLY ABOUT IDEOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH CHINA, LIKewise REPLIED BY DISCUSSING SUPERSTRUCTURE AND BASE. THIS SUGGESTS THAT SOVIET THEORETICIANS ARE ALREADY DISSEMINATING INSIDE THE PARTY THE THEORY THAT DISTORTIONS IN THE CHINESE SUPERSTRUCTURE HAVE SO PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED THE ECONOMIC BASE IN CHINA THAT THE CHINESE SYSTEM CANNOT BE CONSIDERED SOCIALIST.

3. IF SOVIETS ARE GEARING UP A CONFERENCE, IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING THAT THEY WOULD TRY TO USE IT DEFINITELY TO READ THE CHINESE OUT OF THE MOVEMENT. AND IT WOULD BE LOGICAL FOR THEM TO BE PREPARING THE THEORETICAL GROUNDWORK. THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HERE, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE SOVIETS SEEM TO BE AIMING FOR A NEW CONFERENCE, EMPHASIZE THE DIFFICULTIES OF ACHIEVING CONFERENCE OVER INEVITABLE OPPOSITION OF ROMANIANS, WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS, NORTH VIETNAMESE AND THEMSELVES. YUGOSLAVS ACKNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, THAT CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY MAJORITY OF PARTIES, EVEN IF SOME PARTIES DECLINED TO ADHERE TO ALL CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS, COULD BE USEFUL FOR SOVIETS.

4. IN SUM, WE CONCLUDE THAT SOVIETS ARE ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE NEW POLITICAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE CHINESE. BUT WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT SEE ANY EVIDENCE LOCALLY TO SUPPORT THE STORY REPORTED THIS WEEK BY THE LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH THAT SOVIET SOURCE CLAIMS USSR IS PLANNING BLITZKRIEG WAR AGAINST CHINA.
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